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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Nava DATE TYPED: 2/10/03 HB _____
 SHORT TITLE: Align Early Childhood Programs SB SJM 2
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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
			NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HJM12

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From

State Department of Education (SDE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 2 requests that the Interagency Coordinating Group (ICG) study the alignment of early care education programs in New Mexico, establish a framework for a state-wide comprehensive and universal system of preschool programs and fully delineate the procedures and methodology necessary to implement such a framework; and that the group report its finding to the Legislative Education Study Committee by November 2003.

This bill was introduced for the Legislative Education Study Committee.

Significant Issues

The ICG was created within the Department of Children, Youth and Families in 1992. It is comprised of the Secretary of Finance and Administration, the Secretary of Health, the Secretary of Human Services, the Secretary of Labor, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Chairman of the Joint Interim Legislative Health and Human Services Committee and a member of the

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Governor's office. This memorial requests that the ICG implement the provisions of the 1992 law, and bring coordination and focus to the nearly \$250.0 million expended annually in New Mexico for early childhood education programs.

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